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☐ continuation-in-part under CFR 1.53(b)(2) of prior
application serial no. _____, filed _____
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Title: PLANT CYTOPROTECTIVE GENES AND METHODS OF USING SAME

Inventor(s) (full name of each inventor): John C. Reed

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No.(s) _____, filed in _____ on _____
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